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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Monday, 5 October 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

5 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq

Briefing by the Secretary-General

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m.	27th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	28th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization (A/53/1) [10].

2. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance: special economic assistance to individual countries or regions: draft resolution (A/53/L.2/Rev.1) [20 (b)].

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 4

Agenda items 18, 87, 88, 89, 90 and 12 and 91

General debate on all decolonization items: item 18 (A/53/23 (Parts II, V-IX), A/AC.109/2102-2104; 2106-2110; 2112-2118); item 87 (A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VIII; A/53/263); item 88 (A/53/23 (Part III); item 89 (A/53/3* (chapter VIII, section D), A/53/23 (Part IV), chapter VII, A/53/130 and Corr.1, A/AC.109/L.1880, E/1998/76); item 90 (A/53/262 and Add.1)

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* To be issued.

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

Informal consultations by the Chairman of the Second Committee on all organizational matters of the Committee, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 50/227 (A/C.2/53/L.1/Rev.1, A/C.2/53/L.1/Add.1/Rev.1)

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 1

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [100] (A/53/3*, A/53/63-S/1998/100, A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/97, A/53/294, A/53/350, A/53/356, A/53/378, A/53/416 and A/53/425)

Introduction and general discussion

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	3rd meeting	Conference Room 3

1. Organization of work (A/C.5/53/L.1/Rev.1 and A/C.5/53/L.2/Rev.1)

2. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999 [113]

   Development account (A/52/1009 and A/53/7/Add.1)

   Introduction and general discussion

3. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [143]

   Support account (A/52/837 and Corr.1, A/52/892 and A/53/418)

   Introduction and general discussion

   Death and disability (A/C.5/53/16)

   Introduction and general discussion

4. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [112]

   Human resources management [119]

   Gratis personnel (A/C.5/52/54/Rev.1, A/C.5/52/56 and A/53/417)

   Introduction and general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	7th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	8th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

Documents A/C.6/53/WG.1/CRP.18 and CRP.19

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. United Nations Mission of Observers in Tajikistan (UNMOT)
2. United Nations Mission for the referendum in Western Sahara (MINURSO)
3. Utilization of the Development Fund

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 5 October 1998

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77
(briefing by the United Nations Development Group Office (UNDG) on the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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Briefing

The Under-Secretary-General of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs (DESA) will hold an informal briefing for delegations on issues to be considered at the Second Committee of the General Assembly on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system. The informal briefing will be held on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 11.30 a.m. in *Conference Room 8*.

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Closed consultations among members of the Security Council and troop contributors on the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission (UNIKOM) will be held on Monday, 5 October 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 2 October 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 6 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

10 a.m. 29th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. Address by His Excellency Mr. Festus Mogae, President of the Republic of Botswana.

2. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [85]: commemorative meeting marking the fiftieth anniversary of United Nations peaceekeeping: draft resolution (A/53/L.5).

3 p.m. 30th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development [37]:

(a) Report of the Preparatory Committee for the Special Session of the General Assembly on the Implementation of the Outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives (A/53/45);

(b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/53/211);

(c) Note by the Secretary-General (A/53/210).

Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	2nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	3rd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	4th meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE:

WORKING GROUP ESTABLISHED PURSUANT TO GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 51/210

10 a.m.	9th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	10th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

The First Committee will commence its substantive work on 12 October 1998 for a period of five weeks. The opening meeting will take place on Monday, 12 October, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 4. The Committee will hold its general debate from 12 to 21 October. Those delegations wishing to participate in the general debate are urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers with the secretariat of the First Committee (tel.: 963-5579, room S-3140B), as early as possible.

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SECOND COMMITTEE

The lists of speakers for the general debate, and all other items allocated to the Second Committee, are open for inscription. The general debate is scheduled to begin on Tuesday, 6 October, at 10 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. Delegations wishing to be inscribed on the lists are requested to contact the secretariat of the Second Committee (Ms. June Knesl, tel.: 212-963-5709, fax: 212-963-5935).

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Executive briefing

There will be an executive briefing for delegations by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and the Advancement of Women, Ms. Angela E. V. King, on Friday, 9 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5, on agenda items 103 (Advancement of women) and 104 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women).

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The second regular session of the Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination will meet from 6 to 9 October 1998 (Part I) in Conference Room 6.

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There will be a briefing by Mr. Aurelio Fernández (Spain), Chairman of the thirty-sixth session of the Commission for Social Development, on the status of preparation and proposed organization of work for the thirty-seventh session of the Commission, on Monday, 12 October 1998, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

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The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women invites delegations to propose names for panelists to participate in the forty-third session of the Commission (March 1999). The topics of the panels will be: (1) women and health; and (2) institutional mechanisms for the advancement of women. Delegations are kindly requested to submit names and curricula vitae, indicating the specific panel for which they are being proposed, to the Division for the Advancement of Women (DC2-1216), *no later than* Tuesday, 20 October 1998.

Announcement

The statement scheduled to be delivered on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, at 10 a.m. by the Under-Secretary-General for Management, Mr. Joseph E Connor, on agenda item 115 (Improving the financial situation of the United Nations), will now be made at 3 p.m. on the same day.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Group of 77 *(on Fifth Committee matters)* on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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The Arab Group of the Sixth Committee will meet on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, from 1.45 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Briefings

The Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) will hold a briefing on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, from 9 a.m. to 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room D. The Executive Director of UNAIDS, Dr. Peter Piot, will brief participants on the experience of the United Nations Theme Groups on HIV/AIDS at country-level and on the United Nations reform aspects of UNAIDS. All Member and Observer States and United Nations bodies and agencies are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting for delegations by the Director of the New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Bacre Waly Ndiaye, on Monday, 12 October 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6 on human rights issues before the current session of the General Assembly.

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Informal presentation

An informal presentation will be given by Mr. Alfredo Sfeir-Younis, Special Representative of the World Bank to the United Nations, on Wednesday, 7 October 1998, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7. The meeting will include the presentation by the President of the World Bank at the annual meetings of the Bank (by video) and a brief discussion of the 1998 annual report of the Bank. Copies of the report will be available. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Panel discussion

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, a panel discussion on the theme "Towards a Global Partnership for South-South Cooperation in the New Millenium" will take place on Wednesday, 7 October 1998, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. The panel will be chaired and moderated by the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme. Eminents persons will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

The United Nations University (UNU) and the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) are jointly organizing the third session of their annual series "Sustainable Development in Practice". Session III is entitled "Climate Change Convention - Fourth Conference of Parties: Challenges and Opportunities". The seminar, to be conducted in English, will be held on Wednesday, 14 October 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The deadline for registration is Thursday, 8 October 1998. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 1 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

24th plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) (A/53/345/Add. 5) [118]

The General Assembly took note that Dominica had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in Article 19 of the Chapter.

Continuation of the general debate

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. The Hon. Edmond Andresen, Minister of Justice and Legal Affairs of Solomon Island; H.E. Mr. Antonio Deinde Fernandez, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Central African Republic; H.E. Mr. Fathulla Jameel, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Maldives; H.E. Mr. Seyoum Mesfin, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ethiopia; H.E. Mr. Jadranko Prlić, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina; H.E. Mr. Eduardo Stein Barillas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guatemala; H.E. Mr. Robert Millette, Chairman of the Delegation of Grenada; and H.E. The Hon. Mapopa Chipeta, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Malawi.

Statements in the exercise of the right of reply were made by the representatives of the Democratic Republic of the Congo and Uganda.

Friday, 2 October 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

25th plenary meeting

Address by H.E. Dr. Jamil Mahuad Witt, Constitutional President of the Republic of Ecuador

H.E. Dr. Jamil Mahuad Witt, Constitutional President of the Republic of Ecuador, addressed the General Assembly.

Continuation of the general debate

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Salim Hadji Himidi, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Comoros; H.E. Mr. Paskal Milo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Albania; H.E. Mr. George Winston McKenzie, Chairman of the Delegation of Trinidad and Tobago; H.E. Mr. Modibo Sidibe, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Mali and for Malians living abroad; H.E. Mr. Miguel Oyono Ndong Mifumu, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Equatorial Guinea; H.E. Mrs. Lila Hanitra Ratsifandrihamanana, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Madagascar; and H.E. Mr. Haile Weldensae, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Eritrea.

26th plenary meeting

Note: The summary of the 26th plenary meeting of the General Assembly will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/191).

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Convention on the Rights of the Child

COMMITTEE ON THE
RIGHTS OF THE CHILD
Nineteenth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 1 OCTOBER 1998

493rd and 494th meetings

Consideration of reports of States parties [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Thailand (CRC/C/11/Add.13).

In accordance with the Committee's provisional rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions and observations made by members of the Committee.

The Committee then continued its consideration of item 4 in closed session.

FRIDAY, 2 OCTOBER 1998

495th and 496th meetings

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Habitat Day, 1998

On the occasion of the World Habitat Day, 1998, the New York Office of the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat) will hold a panel discussion on the theme: "Safer Cities" on Monday, 5 October 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium. The Deputy Secretary-General will be among the participants. All members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, United Nations agencies and programmes, accredited correspondents and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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Special event

Under the sponsorship of UNESCO, "Crossing the Bridge", a theatrical presentation involving Israeli, Jordanian and Palestinian actors, will take place on Tuesday, 6 October 1998, at 7 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff, the representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend. A reception will follow.

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Exhibition

On the occasion of the commemoration of the twentieth anniversary of the adoption of the Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BAPA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (TCDC), an exhibition on South-South Cooperation and Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries, organized by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), is being held in the first basement of the Secretaria building until 16 October 1998.

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of October has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Nigeria
H.E. Mr. Ibrahim A. Gambari

Asian States:
Nepal
H.E. Mr. Narendra Bikram Shah

Eastern European States:
Poland
H.E. Mr. Eugeniusz Wyzner

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Dominican Republic
H.E. Mrs. Cristina Aguiar

Western European and Other States:
Andorra
H.E. Mr. Juli Minoves-Triquell

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